

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A NON-MERIT POSITION EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

JOB TITLE: MH Interpreter I **NUMBER:** 10-05

JOB CODE: B6000 **DATE:** 06/04/2010

SALARY RANGE: 73 (\$37,389.60 - \$56,685.60) **PCQ#:** 8813335

JOB LOCATION: Department of Mental Health

RSA Union Building 100 North Union Street

Montgomery, AL 36130-1410

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in Interpreting, Linguistics, Deaf Studies, Psychology, Sociology, or a related human service field, plus (24 months or more) of paid experience interpreting in a variety of different settings.

OR

High school diploma or GED equivalency, plus considerable (48 months or more) of paid experience interpreting in a variety of different settings.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be licensed or eligible for licensure by the Alabama Licensure Board of Interpreters and Transliterators. Must be certified or eligible to receive certification as a QMHI (Qualified Mental Health Interpreter) or its equivalent. **Certification must be obtained within 24 months of hire.** Must have a valid driver's license to operate a vehicle in the State of Alabama. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

KIND OF WORK: This is professional level work in providing specialized services to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and who have mental illness, intellectual disability and/or substance abuse issues. Work involves interpreting between deaf or hard of hearing consumers, staff of the Alabama Department of Mental Health facilities or contract service providers. Other duties include providing communication training such as sign language classes to contracted service providers, and performing communication assessments of consumers who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Knowledge of American Sign Language. Knowledge of the function of a professional interpreter and interpreting code of Ethics. Knowledge of deafness and deaf culture. Knowledge of telecommunication devices and their use. Ability to interpret between consumers using a variety of dialects and fluency levels. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Ability to interpret in situations where partial control by interpreter is possible. Ability to utilize computer, internet resources, and various software packages. Ability to provide training in the American Sign Language and the use of adaptive technology. Ability to work flexible work schedule to include nights and/or weekends as needed.

METHOD OF SELECTION: Applicants will be rated on the basis of an evaluation of their education, training, and experience and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to duties and minimum qualifications as mentioned above. All relevant information is subject to verification.

HOW TO APPLY: Use an official application for Professional Employment (Exempt Classification) which may be obtained from this office or by visiting our website at:

www.mh.alabama.gov. Only work experience detailed on the application will be considered. Additional sheets, if needed, should be in the same format as the application. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of an official application. Applications should be returned to Human Resource Management, Department of Mental Health, P.O. Box 301410, RSA Union Building, 100 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130. Copies of Licenses/Certifications should be forwarded with applications or furnished during the interview. An official copy of academic transcripts is required and must be forwarded by the college or university to the Human Resources office at the above address.

DEADLINE: until filled